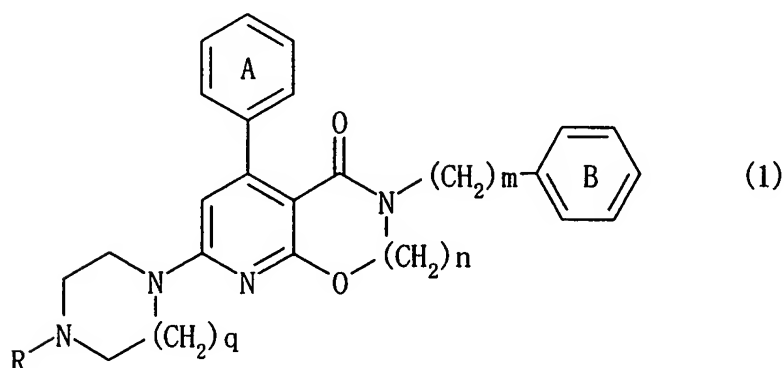


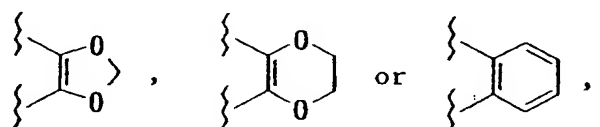
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A compound represented by the following formula (1), or a salt thereof:



wherein the rings A and B are each a benzene ring, which may have 1 to 3 substituents, any adjacent two of which may be bound to one another to form a ring of the formula



said substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a halogen substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkyl group, and a halogen substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₆ alkoxy group;

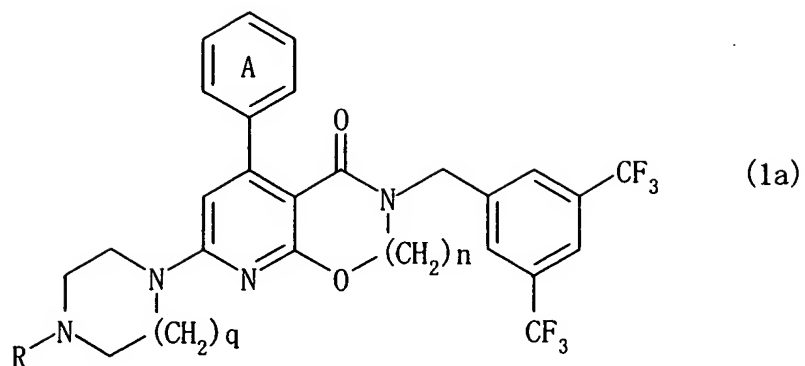
R is a C₁ to C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, a C₁ to C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, a C₁ to C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, or a formyl group;

m is 1 or 2;

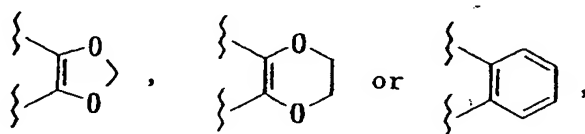
n is 2 or 3; and

q is 1 or 2.

13. (Currently Amended) The compound derivative according to claim 12, represented by the following formula (1a), or a salt thereof:



wherein the ring A is a benzene ring, which may have 1 to 3 substituents, any adjacent two of which may be bound to one another to form a ring of the formula



said substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a halogen substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_6 alkyl group, and a halogen substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_6 alkoxy group;

R is a C_1 to C_6 alkylsulfonyl group, a C_1 to C_6 alkylcarbonyl group, a C_1 to C_6 alkoxy carbonyl group, or a formyl group;

n is 2 or 3; and

q is 1 or 2.

14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 13, or a salt thereof, wherein in formula (1a) above, n is 3.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 13, or a salt thereof, wherein in formula (1a) above, R is an acetyl group and n is 3.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~fused bicyclic pyridine derivative~~ compound of formula (1a) according to claim 13, or a salt thereof, ~~wherein in formula (1a) above,~~ R is an acetyl group, n is 3, and q is 1.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~tachykinin receptor antagonist~~ pharmaceutical

composition ~~containing as~~comprising an effective amount of the compound of formula (I) according to claim 12, or a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

18 to 25. (Canceled)